UCO Accounting Professor Honored for Teaching Excellence

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) has awarded the 2014 Teaching Excellence Award for the Southwestern Council for Business Schools and Programs to Robert Terrell, Ed.D., UCO professor of Accounting. The council annually recognizes individuals from each of its 10 regions who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom. As a regional winner, Terrell is now a candidate for the 2014 ACBSP International Teaching Excellence Award.

UCO Student Receives National Award for Public Service

UCO student Elizabeth Larios is one of 197 college students in the nation honored for their public service as Newman Civic Fellows. The award recognizes student leaders who are invested in finding solutions for community challenges. Larios, who is originally from Los Angeles, is studying international business and French at Central. She is an advocate for women’s education and empowerment and hopes to help women in developing countries advance their entrepreneurship skills so that they may better themselves, their families, their communities and their economies. She is also a recipient of the 2014 Andrew Rice Conscience of the Senate Award.

UCO’s Sunderland Named Athletic Trainer of the Year

Ed Sunderland, clinical coordinator for the UCO Athletic Training Program, was named Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Association (OATA). He received the award not only for his efforts to continually improve his role as an educator with new resources and innovative ways to teach and challenge his students, but also his work in mentoring his students in life skills. Sunderland encourages students to test their classroom knowledge with participation in events like the UCO Endeavor Games, the OKC Memorial Marathon, Redman Triathlon, Special Olympics and the Susan G. Komen Cancer Walk in Dallas.

Central’s LaGrow Named Fulbright Scholar, to Study in France

Patricia LaGrow, Ph.D., R.N., was recently named as a Fulbright Scholar in the International Education Administrators (IEA) Program in France. LaGrow serves as associate vice president for Academic Affairs. The IEA is a bilateral program of exchange between the United States and France. She will spend two weeks in October developing a deeper knowledge of the French and European Higher Education environment as well as engaging with selected government officials.

Mass Communication Professor Earns Professional Accolades

Robby Trammell, media ethics adjunct faculty and news director for The Oklahoman recently won first place in the First Amendment Awards’ investigative category, sponsored by the Fort Worth, Texas, chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Trammell and Nolan Clay received the award for a story that focused on Oklahoma City mayoral candidate Ed Shadid.

UCO President Appointed to International Leadership Team

The International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) has appointed UCO President Don Betz, Ph.D., to the association’s Executive Committee for the 2014-2017 term. The IAUP Executive Committee is made up of a select group of leaders from accredited colleges and universities. Its members play an important role in advising the leadership of the association on the various programs and initiatives that the IAUP conducts. In June, Betz will attend the association’s triennial conference in Yokohama, Japan, where he will present Central’s focus on transformative learning initiatives and further develop Central’s relationships with universities in the U.S. and abroad.
Dear Friends,

I am continuously amazed at the sheer talent and dedication of so many of our faculty, staff and students. Thank you for letting us share their accomplishments with you each month through the UCO Foundation’s monthly publication of UCOvations. This will be our last until we pick back up in September.

We appreciate your generous leadership, and know you are a large part of why this university continues to grow in excellence.

Next year, we will share in celebration our 125 years as an institution of higher learning. With many events planned throughout the year, this will be a wonderful time to return for a visit. We will be sure to keep you informed of opportunities and hope to see you soon.

Again, thank you for joining me as we create a culture of leading, learning and serving.

Sincerely,

Don Betz
President